GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3510
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2001
MADRASAS IN THE COUNTRY
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Group of Ministers have submitted its reports titled `Reforming the National Security System`;

(b) if so, whether there is any finding or the recommendations of the said Group to the effect that `Madrasas` are a threat to National security or detrimental to the country`s communal harmony;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any recommendations have been given about `Madrasas` in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government are aware of the objections to and resentment against the said findings;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (h): The Group of Ministers (GoM) have submitted its report titled `Reforming theNational Security System`. Copies of the aforesaid report have been placed in the Parliament Library and the details of observations and recommedations made by the GoM are available therein.

GoM have made a recommendation that for bringing Madrasas into mainstream with the benefits of the modern education system, the State Government should provide support for free supply of text-books up to the primary school level, training of Madrasa teachers in teaching of mathematics, science and Urdu and other languages etc. A Central Advisory Board may be set up for Madrasa education instead of leaving this critical matter to different State Level Advisory Boards. This Ministry has taken up the Matter with the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The Government have also taken note of the objections received against the findings of the GoM.